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The Rev. STEPHEN P. HILL, the Chaplain of the Senate during the third session of the Thirty-Fourth Congress, opened the session with an impressive prayer.

ABSENCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.

The SECRETARY. The Vice President being absent, I will, with the permission of the Senate, read a letter which he has addressed to me on the subject of his absence:

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, *November* 28, 1857.

DEAR SIR: It will be impossible for me to be in attendance during the first week of the approaching Congress, and I beg of you to communicate the fact to the Senate in the mode customary upon such occasions.

Yours, very respectfully,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE.

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Mr. FITZPATRICK, having been conducted to the chair by Messrs. ALLEN and JONES, said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE: I acknowledge with feelings of lively sensibility the confidence you have reposed in me. The situation is new to me, and it could doubtless have been more appropriately assigned to a more experienced and older member of the body. You may rest assured, however, that I shall, to the extent of my ability, impartially and faithfully discharge the duties incident to the station, relying at all times upon the uniform courtesy and forbearance which have characterized the deliberations of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. CLAY, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that, in the absence of the Vice President, the Senate has chosen the Hon. BENJAMIN FITZPATRICK President of the Senate *pro tempore*.

On motion of Mr. BRIGHT, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States and inform him that, in the absence of the Vice President, the Senate has chosen the Hon. BENJAMIN FITZPATRICK President of the Senate *pro tempore*.

ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Mr. BRIGHT, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

HOUR OF MEETING.

On motion of Mr. HALE, it was

Ordered, That the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be twelve o'clock, m., until otherwise ordered.

CHAPLAIN TO THE SENATE.

Mr. MASON. I offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be authorized and requested to invite such clergymen as the office may be acceptable to, to officiate as Chaplain to the Senate during the present session, and in such alternation as may be agreeable to them.

This resolution will be printed of course. I wish it to lie on the table for the consideration of Senators, with an intimation that I shall call it up at an early day.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The resolution will lie over for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by J. B. HENRY, Esq., his Private Secretary.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The message is of an executive character.

On motion of Mr. GWIN, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and, after some time spent therein, the doors were reopened.

On motion of Mr. SEWARD, the Senate took a recess for half an hour; at the expiration of which time the President *pro tempore* resumed the chair.

Mr. STUART. It is very obvious that the other House will not organize in time to enable us to appoint a committee to wait on the President and hear from him to-day; and, therefore, I move that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, *December* 7, 1857.

The House consists of two hundred and thirty-four Members and seven Territorial Delegates. The Delegates have no vote. Democrats (128) in Roman, Republicans (92) in Italic, and Native Americans (14) in Small Capitals; as follows:

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